(c) whether it is also a fact that every minute one child dies in the country due to diarrhoea which can be easily prevented by a simple solution of ORS; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to ensure the reach-out of ORS packets to every child in need ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) and (b) : The National Family Health Survey (NFHS) (1998-99) reported that 27 per cent children under the age of three years with a recent bout of diarrhoea were given ORS. The proportion of children receiving ORS in 1992-93 by NFHS was reported to be 18 per cent. Reasons for relatively low use of ORS include low prescription rate of ORS by physicians in preference to use of anti-diarrhoeals and antibiotics and inadquate awareness and acceptance of ORS by the community.

(c) ORS solution is used to prevent and treat dehydration in cases of diarrhoea. At current rates of child mortality, it is estimated that annually 2.4 lakh child deaths can be attributed to diarrhoea. This averages to one death every 2.2 minutes.

(d) Under the Reproductive and Child Health Programme 300 ORS packets are supplied to all sub-centres every year as a part of drug kit A. Medical and paramedical staff are being reoriented and trained to use ORS in children with diarrhoea. Use of ORS by the community is being popularized through Information, Education and Communication programmes.

Assistance given by HSCC

†3690. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Hospital Services Consultancy Corporation provides assistance for construction of hospitals in the country;

(b) if so, the nature of assistance provided by the said Corporation for construction of hospitals;

(c) whether the Corporation has contributed in construction of hospitals in various regions of the country during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001;

(d) if so, the number of projects given assistance during each of the above years alongwith the nature of assistance provided to each of them, Project-wise; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(e) the income earned by the Corporation during each of the above years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) to (e) : Hospital Services Consultancy Corporation (I) Limited provides consultancy services to various client organisations for design and project management of hospitals. In the years 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, Hospital Services Consultancy Corporation (I) Limited has given assistance for design and project management to 10, 10 and 11 projects respectively. The income earned by the Corporation during each of these years is as under :

Year	Amount
1998-1999	Rs. 5,07,97,726.70
1999-2000	Rs. 8,20,96,533.00
2000-2001	Rs. 10,13,62,965.00

Locations of CGHS Homoeopathic dispensaries in Delhi

3691. SHRI GANDHI AZAD :
SHRI GOPAL SINGH SOLANKI :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of locations of each CGHS Homoeopathic Dispensary functioning in Delhi;

(b) the sanctioned strength of Homoeopathic Doctors and Pharmacists in each CGHS Dispensary, dispensary-wise;

(c) whether the number of CGHS Doctors and Pharmacists is more than that of sanctioned strength;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether ever since posting, Pharmacist from Sector 12, R.K. Puram has always been kept on relieving duties;